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### **Congressman Larson to Host Workshop to Help Vets Apply for 9/11 GI Bill Benefits**

**Hartford, CT-** U.S. Congressman John B. Larson (CT-01) will host an informational workshop on Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at Goodwin College in East Hartford to provide Post-9/11 veterans and their families information about the education benefits available from the G.I. Bill.

The Post-9/11 GI Bill provides education benefits for up to four academic years including stipends for books and housing for activated reservists and members of the National Guard who served at least 90 days of active duty service since September 11, 2001. The benefits are available for 15 years after release from active duty. Last week, Congress passed legislation allowing children of active duty service members who died since 9-11-01 to qualify for the GI Bill education benefits. The legislation has been sent to the President for his signature.

At the workshop, veterans will be provided an opportunity to apply for the education benefits and hear about the new legislation.

Congressman Larson will be joined by Shay Norton of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and a representative from Goodwin College who will outline the benefits available to veterans.

To RSVP to the workshop, please contact Congressman Larson's District Office at 860-278-8888.

**WHAT:** Informational Workshop to Assist Veterans to apply for Post 9/11 GI Bill Benefits

**WHO:** U.S. Congressman John B. Larson

Shay Norton,

Management and Program Analyst, Education Service, Department of Veterans Affairs

Representative from Goodwin College

**WHEN:**

Monday, June 29

3:30pm-4:30pm

**WHERE:**

**Goodwin College**

**River Campus**

**Room 510**

**One Riverside Drive**

**East Hartford, CT 06118**

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